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We support the Alliance for Community Media's petition to waive the registration and certification requirement of the closed captioning rules for PEG producers.

Provincetown Community Television (PTV) is a small community media center that serves a year-round population of just over 3,000 residents and tens of thousands of summer guests. We have many members who produce programming infrequently or seasonally.

In the last year, our organization has worked with over twenty separate individuals who produced PEG programming. This may not seem like a large number, however we are proud of our "small, but mighty" group of volunteers. PTV has also collaborated with a dozen local organizations. The AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod (ASGCC) was one of the first AIDS organizations established in the United States. PTV has the privilege of helping ASGCC promote its mission of reducing the spread of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections through prevention, education and testing. By offering free services and media support to local organizations like ASGCC Provincetown Community Television enables non-profits in our community to keep funding directed to their missions.

Requiring community members who use our channel to register with the FCC and certify that they are exempt from captioning requirements would be cumbersome and a deterrent for some producers to use the channels.

This is especially the case because our channel is exempt from the captioning requirement because of our yearly revenue, which falls below \$3 Million. While we appreciate the consumer feedback the registration process will generate, we do not believe that registering PEG access producers on exempt channels will help consumers.

We appreciate the Commission's prompt action in the matter. Thank you.